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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a Sonic customer for a reason! And we NEED this competition!

UST elecom claims that residential consumers like me will not be affected by tearing apart the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

It is unlikely you are unaware, but I will emphasize that there ARE carriers who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace. Full economic studies disagree with USTelecom on this key point.

As a residential subscriber I would be "materially affected". In fact, those effects would be profound; without access to UNE services, Sonic wouldnt have been able to connect me while they build their fiber networks, nor fund the construction of our fiber networks. And once fiber networks are built, UNEs are still used they connect from city to city and are the key backhaul for all of our fiber networks.

In short, let's keep the markets open for all.

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